

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 KINSHA 03334 091927Z
ACTION AF-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 NEA-10 IO-13 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-04
H-01 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01
SP-02 SS-15 INRE-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 ARA-06 ACDA-07
AID-05 /101 W
-----091951Z 014929 /42

O 091825Z APR 77
FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 2900
INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY LAGOS IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY LISBODIATE
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY RABAT IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE
US MISSION USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE 1360
US MISSION NATO IMMEDIATE 066
SECDEF WASHDC IMMEDIATE
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER//DCJ4-7 IMMEDIATE
DIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE
USIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE
AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI IMMEDIATE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE KINSHASA 3334

PASS PEACE CORPS

USIA FOR IAA, IOP

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CG PFOR AO PGOV
SUBJECT: SHABA ATTACK: MOBUTU ADDRESSES RALLY
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 KINSHA 03334 091927Z

1. SPEAKING TO A LARGE BUT UNRESPONSIVE CROWD ASSEMBLED THIS
AFTERNOON IN KINSHASA'S MAJOR STADIUM, PRESIDENT MOBUTU MADE
THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
A. THE ATTACK IN SHABA MUST BE SEEN AS PART OF AN INTER-
NATIONAL PLOT AGAINST ZAIRE. IT IS A PLOT SUPPORTED AND SUS-
TAINED BY THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA WHO EMPLOY THE TACTICS OF

AGGRESSION AND SUBVERSION. ANGOLA IS MERELY A PAWN, USED BY THE SOVIET UNION FOR ITS OWN ENDS. ZAIRE HAS NO PROBLEMS WITH ANGOLA; ITS PROBLEMS ARE WITH THE SOVIET UNION. WERE IT NOT FOR THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA, NETO WOULD NOT BE IN POWER.

B. THE AGGRESSION CANNOT BE INTERPRETED AS A MERE REPRISAL RAID AGAINST ZAIRE FOR ZAIRE HAS DONE NOTHING TO CALL FOR REPRISAL. IN FACT, ZAIRE HAD WITHDRAWN PRACTICALLY ALL TROOPS FROM THE BORDER AREAS IN ORDER TO SHOW GOOD FAITH TO ANGOLA. THAT IS WHY THERE WERE ONLY 99 GENDARMES STATIONED IN THE AREA AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK.

C. THE CONDITIONS OF THE WAR ARE DIFFICULT. THE ENEMY FORCES ARE FIGHTING A GUERRILLA WAR. THEY ENTER TOWNS WEARING MPR BUTTONS; AND THEY ONLY FIGHT AT NIGHT. ZAIRIAN RECONNAISSANCE PLANES SEE NOTHING OF THE ENEMY DURING THE DAY. THE INVADERS PLANT MINES, AND WHEN FAZ TROOPS DRIVE OVER THE MINES, THE DETONATIONS SIGNAL THEIR APPROACH TO THE ENEMY. WITH LONG RANGE ROCKETS THE ENEMY THEN FIRES UPON ZAIRIAN FORCES.

D. TRACTS ARE CIRCULATING IN KINSHASA AND ARE BEING SENT TO EMBASSIES. THIS IS SERIOUS BECAUSE IT IS THE ZAIRIANS WHO ARE CIRCULATING SUCH TRACTS.

E. ZAIRE SUSPENDED (DID NOT RUPTURE) RELATIONS WITH CUBA BECAUSE A CUBAN DIPLOMAT WAS CAUGHT IN ESPIONAGE, ACCEPTING A MAGNETIC TAPE FROM A ZAIRIAN JOURNALIST. MOBUTU DECIDED TO SUSPEND RELATIONS IMMEDIATELY, DESPITE CONTRARY COUNSEL BY SOME ADVISORS, BECAUSE HE CONCLUDED THAT IF HE MERELY ASKED ONE CUBAN DIPLOMAT TO LEAVE, OTHERS WOULD COME FOR THE SAME FUNCTION.

F. ZAIRE HAS NOTIFIED THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE INVASION IN SHABA BUT ZAIRE HAS NOT APPLIED FORMALLY TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOR HELP BECAUSE THE SOVIET UNION WOULD VETO ANY CONSTRUCTIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 KINSHA 03334 091927Z

PLAN. THE SOVIET UNION "HAS ALREADY SUCCEEDED IN DIVIDING AFRICA." IF ZAIRE GOES TO THE OAU, AFRICA "WOULD AGAIN BE DIVIDED INTO TWO BLOCS AS WAS THE CASE DURING THE ANGOLAN CONFLICT IN JANUARY, 1976."

G. "ZAIRE WILL WIN. ZAIRE WILL DEFEAT ALL AGGRESSION, ALL REBELLIONS BY ANY MEANS. HE WHO LAUGHS LAST LAUGHS BEST."

2. COMMENT:

A. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT MOBUTU HAS APPEARED DIRECTLY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SINCE THE INVASION BEGAN. IN CONTRAST TO THE SLIM TURNOUT AT LAST WEEK'S RALLY (WHICH MOBUTU DID NOT ATTEND), LARGE CROWDS TODAY CONSTITUTED A DEMONSTRATION THAT -- POPULARITY ASIDE -- MOBUTU STILL HAS SUFFICIENT CONTROL TO WHIP THE CADRES INTO SHAPE. NEVERTHELESS, THERE SEEMED TO BE LITTLE

ENTHUSIASM FOR MOBUTU OR FOR THE OFFICIALS WHO INTRODUCED HIM. WHILE MOBUTU WAS IN HIS REGULAR GOOD FORM BEFORE THE MASSES, HIS CALLS FOR COLLECTIVE CHEERS RECEIVED TEPID RESPONSE. AT ONE POINT, IN FACT, MOBUTU HIMSELF REMARKED THAT HE COULD NOT HEAR

THE CROWD RESPONDING.

B. THE EMPHASIS OF THE SPEECH WAS CLEARLY ON ZAIRE'S
"THROWING THE RASCALS OUT" BY ANY MEANS AND ON THE MENACE
POSED BY THE SOVIETS AND THEIR COMMUNIST PAWNS. ON THE OTHER
HAND, THERE WAS LITTLE OR NO REFERENCE TO THE WESTERN ALLIES OR
TO THE ARRIVAL OF MOROCCAN TROOPS. END COMMENT

3. THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH WAS DELIVERED IN LINGALA, BROAD-
CAST ON RADIO, AND TRANSLATED SIMULTANEOUSLY FOR US. WE WILL
COMMENT FURTHER ON SUBSTANCE IF READING OF FULL TEXT INDICATES
ADDITIONAL POINTS OF INTEREST.

CUTLER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SPEECHES, INVASIONS, ALLEGATIONS, PUBLIC ATTITUDES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 09-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977KINSHA03334
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770124-1167
Format: TEL
From: KINSHASA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770472/aaaackgi.tel
Line Count: 128
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 045fbca7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2850771
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SHABA ATTACK: MOBUTU ADDRESSES RALLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, CG, AO, CU, UR, (MOBUTU SESE SEKO)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/045fbca7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009